

In re Appln. of Robert C. Phillips, et al.  
Application No. 09/638,774

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 10 with:

A' One connection from the WAN/fabric switch leads via an interface to a fabric switch providing communication paths between one or more storage servers (comprising multiple storage media devices such as hard drives) and the processors within or connected via the WAN server card. The WAN/fabric packet switch also support peer-to-peer communications between WAN server cards. In the preferred implementation the switch is of the type generally disclosed in U.S. application serial No. 09/579,574, filed on May 26, 2000, and entitled: "Information Distribution System and Method" which is explicitly incorporated herein by reference. However the invention disclosed here is fully compatible with other storage area networks, including Fibre Channel, and forthcoming "system area networks" such as ~~Infiniband~~ INFINIBAND and ~~RapidIO~~ RAPIDIO system area networks.